

About the SEDLEX project

Launch Event

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Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence 1.

European Commission, Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on [Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence](#) and amending Directive (EU) 2019/1937, COM(2022)71, 23 February 2022.

The directive enforcement could enter into force in 2025.

ILO + EC joint action (November 2022) to support the efforts of European employers and workers organisations “to navigate the context created by the move to make due diligence mandatory for business”


[Mainstream commercial companies](#): feel the political pressure to act beyond corporate social responsibility (CSR).



Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence 2.

The core elements of this duty:

- identifying, bringing to an end, preventing, mitigating and accounting for negative **human rights and environmental impacts** in the company's own operations, their subsidiaries and their value chains.
- in addition, certain large companies need to have a plan in place to ensure that their business strategy is compatible with limiting global warming to 1.5 °C in line with the Paris Agreement. Directors are incentivised to contribute to sustainability and climate change mitigation goals.
- Ca 12 000 large enterprises



Social economy – large enterprises

- The consideration for human rights and environmental protection related values are already present in social economy entities (SE).
- Value driven business models are also capable to provide resilient answers during crisis times
- SE organisations tends to be small sized businesses but also large companies exists
- Annual World Cooperative Monitor (WCM)
- Social Economy Action Plan (European Commission 2021) brought a long-awaited recognition of the social economy.
- Social Economy is composed of 2.8 million social economy entities in Europe, SE organisations operating across various sectors.



Basic information

Project name: Sustainable Economies Due diLigence: good EXamples and the role of social dialogue

Project acronym: SEDLEX

Call: SOCPL-2022-IND-REL

Type of action: SOCPL Project Grants / Budget based

Project number: 101126464

Granting authority: European Commission-EU EMPL.C – Working Conditions and Social Dialogue C.3 – Social Dialogue

1 November 2023 - 31 October 2025 (24 month)

Total budget 377 225, 29 EUR

Funding rate: 90%



Main aims and outputs 1.

Title: Sustainable Economies Due diLigence: good EXamples and the role of social dialogue

Main aim: social dialogue is a key driver for economic and social resilience, competitiveness, fairness and sustainable growth. The research activities of the SEDLEX project examines how social economy organisations use social dialogue in the management of their value driven business models.

Countries covered: France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Spain.

Sectors: financial services, wholesale and retail trade, agriculture and food industries

Working language: English



Research questions:

1. „How are large social economy enterprises already implementing the duties included in the proposal for a Directive on corporate sustainability due diligence to the social economy model and values?“

2. “How can practices from the social economy inspire mainstream companies to implement these duties?“



Main aims and outputs 2.

Main activities: research + events + dissemination:

Research: 5 national background studies, 15 case studies, 1 comparative final research report including best practices.

Events: two European events (Germany, Spain), one European peer learning event (Italy), five national peer-learning event

Dissemination activities: website, video, launch event, final conference



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